

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (U 338-E) for Authority to Lease Communication Facility Sites and Antenna Equipment Locations to Los Angeles SMSA Limited Partnership, Oxnard-Ventura-Simi Limited Partnership and GTE Mobilnet of Santa Barbara Limited Partnership, individually and collectively doing business as Verizon Wireless.

Application 02-10-029
(Filed October 18, 2002)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
GRANTING EXTENSION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER
AND CLOSING THIS PROCEEDING**

By motion filed on January 25, 2006, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) and Los Angeles SMSA Limited Partnership, Oxnard-Ventura-Simi Limited Partnership and GTE Mobilnet of Santa Barbara Limited Partnership, individually and collectively doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless), seek an extension, for two years, of the protective order granted by Ordering Paragraph 5(b) of Decision (D.) 04-02-042. The protective order placed under seal, until February 26, 2006, portions of the agreements attached to the Application as Exhibits 1-13.

More specifically, the information placed under seal included the terms of the compensation between SCE and Verizon Wireless, certain terms governing the length of the leases and renewal periods, and the monetary amounts for liquidated damages. D.04-02-042 determined that this information was the kind of commercially sensitive information which, if publicly revealed, could place

Verizon Wireless at a competitive disadvantage relative to other carriers. The decision also determined that public disclosure of the information could disadvantage SCE in negotiations with other carriers over similar agreements.

The pending motion states that competitive concerns remain unchanged and therefore requests continued protection for the sealed material. SCE and Verizon state:

[D]isclosure of the commercially sensitive information would alert competing communications providers to the treatment of material terms affecting the business interests, economics and financial benefits which SCE and Verizon Wireless have negotiated with each other and would disadvantage Verizon Wireless *vis-à-vis* such carriers. Specific details about the compensation for the sites or attachments and the term of the agreements are still valuable proprietary information that reveal the economics of the agreements and SCE's and Verizon Wireless' business activities. Disclosure would also disadvantage SCE in negotiations with other carriers over similar agreements. (Motion, p. 2.)

I will grant the motion and issue it under the authority of Rule 45(h) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, which permits a ruling on a motion before responses or replies are filed. If SCE and Verizon Wireless believe a further extension is required beyond this additional two-year period, they shall file a motion at least 30 days prior to the expiration of this ruling.

Good cause thus appearing, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. The January 25, 2006 motion of Southern California Edison Company (SCE) and Los Angeles SMSA Limited Partnership, Oxnard-Ventura-Simi Limited Partnership and GTE Mobilnet of Santa Barbara Limited Partnership, individually and collectively doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) is granted.

2. The material placed under seal by Decision 04-02-042 shall be placed under seal for an additional two-year period, through and including February 26, 2008. During this period, the sealed material shall not be made accessible or be disclosed to anyone other than Commission staff except on the further order or ruling of the Commission, the Assigned Commissioner, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), or the ALJ then designated as Law and Motion Judge, which order shall be entered only after notice to SCE and Verizon Wireless and an opportunity to be heard.

3. If SCE and Verizon Wireless believe that further protection of this information is needed after February 26, 2008, they may file a motion stating the justification for further withholding the material from public inspection or for such other relief as the Commission Rules may then provide. This motion shall be filed no later than 30 days before the expiration of this ruling.

4. Application 02-10-029 is closed.

Dated February 2, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JEAN VIETH
Jean Vieth
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting Extension of Protective Order and Closing This Proceeding on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated February 2, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELVIRA NIZ

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